

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order:** Chair Gordon Vance, on March 30, 2017 at 3:00 PM, in Room 405  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Sen. Gordon Vance, Chair (R)  
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Carlie Boland (D)  
Sen. Dee Brown (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Terry Gauthier (R)  
Sen. Jen Gross (D)  
Sen. JP Pomnichowski (D)  
Sen. Roger Webb (R)  
Sen. Lea Whitford (D)

**Members Excused:** None

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Laura Sankey Keip, Legislative Branch  
Tia Stockton, Committee Secretary

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 528, 3/27/2017; HB 562, 3/27/2017

00:00:01 Chair Vance

**HEARING ON HB 528**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:00:41 Rep. Tom Welch (R), HD 72, opened the hearing on HB 528, Restrict use of light bars on vehicles.

00:00:57 Sen. Gross, Sen. Pomnichowski, and Sen. Gauthier entered the meeting.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:20 Jean Bergeson, representing herself  
[EXHIBIT\(his66a01\)](#)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:02 Sen. Buttrey  
00:13:41 Rep. Welch  
00:14:35 Sen. Buttrey  
00:14:59 Chair Vance  
00:15:05 Sen. Buttrey  
00:15:42 Rep. Welch  
00:16:06 Sen. Buttrey  
00:16:16 Rep. Welch  
00:16:18 Sen. Buttrey  
00:16:31 Sen. Brown  
00:16:47 Ms. Bergeson, self

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:17:52 Rep. Welch

00:18:41 Chair Vance

**HEARING ON HB 562**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:19:00 Rep. Casey Knudsen (R), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 562, Exempt certain cell phone use from local ordinances.

**Proponents' Testimony:** None

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:20:08 Joe Cik, assistant city attorney, Great Falls (GF)

[EXHIBIT\(his66a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(his66a03\)](#)

00:27:22 John Schaffer, chief, Great Falls Police Department

00:32:21 Bob Kelly, mayor, Great Falls (GF)

00:35:28 Tim Burton, executive director, Montana League of Cities and Towns

00:37:20 David Clague, representing himself

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:43:54 Sen. Brown

00:44:17 Mr. Cik, GF

00:45:17 Sen. Brown

00:45:49 Mr. Cik

00:46:03 Mr. Kelly, GF

00:46:32 Sen. Buttrey

00:46:51 Rep. Knudsen

00:47:02 Sen. Buttrey

00:47:09 Sen. Whitford

00:47:37 Mr. Cik

00:48:25 Sen. Boland

00:48:42 Rep. Knudsen

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:49:27 Rep. Knudsen

00:52:10 Chair Vance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 3:57 PM

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Tia Stockton, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([his66aad.pdf](#))